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SUBJ: POSTURE OF BRITISH AND OTHERS TOWARD GA DEBATE ON ME

REF: USUN 3704

1. BRITISH EXPECT FULL-SCALE GA DEBATE ON ME TO BEGIN OCT 8, DESPITE US REQUEST FOR SC MEETING, AND SEE LITTLE THAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT. THEY HAVE NO PRESENT INTENTION TO SPEAK, AT LEAST NOT DURING EARLY STAGES OF DEBATE.

2. UKUN HAD BEEN ASSURED BY EGYPTIANS EARLIER IN DAY THAT EGYPT WAS NOT AIMING FOR GA RESOLUTION--THAT ZAYYAT
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IN ADDRESSING ASSEMBLY WOULD DO NO MORE THAN STATE

EGYPT'S CASE. HOWEVER, BRITISH ARE SUSPICIOUS: FOR ONE THING, EGYPTIANS INDICATED TO GERMANS THAT THEIR STRATEGY MIGHT BE TO DEVELOP GA RES.

3. ON SAME LINE, NEWSPAPERMAN WHO HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH EGYPTIANS TOLD US HE HAD DEFINITE IMPRESSION ARABS WERE DEVELOPING SCENARIO WITH ANOTHER GOVT--PERHAPS LIBYA OR ALGERIA--WOULD PUT FORTH RES AFTER EGYPT AND SYRIA HAD PRESENTED THEIR CASES. HE FELT, AND WE TEND TO AGREE, THAT PROPOSED RES MIGHT BE RELATIVELY MODERATE, CALLING FOR CEASEFIRE IN CONJUNCTION WITH TOTAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL TO 1967 LINES.

4. ISRAELI PERMREP TEKOA TELLS US EBAN WILL SPEAK IN GA. ISRAELIS WOULD LIKE TO SEE DEBATE RESTRICTED TO EGYPT, SYRIA AND ISRAEL AS PRESENTLY PLANNED. THEY RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER THAT IF REPORTED SCENARIO TO HEAR ONLY THESE THREE BREAKS DOWN, BENITES LIKELY TO REFER QUESTION TO GA WHICH WOULD SUPPORT ANY MOVE FAVORED BY ARABS TO HEAR MORE SPEAKERS. ISRAELIS CONCEDE THAT EVEN AN EFFORT TO BLOCK A PROPOSED GA RES OR RECOMMENDATION, ON ARTICLE 12 GROUND THAT SC WAS EXERCISING FUNCTIONS ASSIGNED TO IT IN CHARTER, WOULD RUN INTO EXTREMELY HEAVY WEATHER.

5. MEETING OF NINE TO DEVELOP COMMON POSITION FOR GA AND SC DEBATES IS IN PROGRESS AS OF 8:30 PM OCT 7. BRITISH TELL US THAT THEY DECLINED ITALIAN PROPOSAL FOR JOINT STATEMENT ON ME SITUATION.
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